EXHIBIT C

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, dated as of December 22, 1988, between STAR PUBLISHING COMPANY ("STAR"), an Arizona corporation, and CITIZEN PUBLISHING COMPANY ("CITIZEN"), an Arizona corporation.

1. FORMATION OF PARTNERSHIP.

- 1.1 Partners. STAR and CITIZEN (individually, a "Partner" and collectively, the "Partners") hereby form a general partnership under the laws of the State of Arizona (the "Partnership") for the purposes and on the terms set forth herein.
- Partnership shall be "TNI PARTNERS", or such other name as shall be mutually agreeable to the Partners. The Partnership shall do business under the name "TNI PARTNERS" and its principal office shall be located at 4850 South Park Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85726, or such other place as the Partners shall designate from time to time.
- Partnership shall be (i) to be the Agency (as that term is defined in that certain Amended and Restated Joint Operating Agreement, dated the date hereof, between STAR and CITIZEN (the "Agency Agreement")) and to conduct all the activities, have all of the rights and powers, and perform all of the duties and obligations, of the Agency set forth in the Agency Agreement, and (ii) to do any act and thing and to enter into any contract incidental to, or necessary, proper or advisable for, the accomplishment of such purposes, to the extent permitted by law.
- 1.4 Commencement: Term. The Partnership shall commence on the date hereof and continue for a term ending at the close of business on June 1, 2015, and may be renewed and extended for subsequent periods of twenty-five (25) years each at the option of either STAR or CITIZEN. Unless two years written notice is given by both STAR and CITIZEN that they desire to end this Partnership or any renewal hereof, this partnership shall continue in force for subsequent periods of twenty-five (25) years each. Only by mutual written consent shall this Partnership Agreement or any renewal hereof be terminated.

2. PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS.

2.1 Partnership Interests. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in the Agency Agreement, the

respective interests of the Partners in the assets, liabilities, profits and losses of the Partnership ("Partnership Interest") shall be as follows:

STAR: CITIZEN: 50% 50%

Each Partner shall have at all times an interest as a tenant in partnership in the assets and properties of the Partnership equal to its Partnership Interest and neither Partner shall have any separate right, title or interest in or to any asset or property of the Partnership.

2.2 Capital Accounts and Contributions.

- (a) The initial capital account of each Partner shall be the amount determined in accordance with Section 1.4 of the Agency Agreement. Subsequently, each Partner's capital account shall be (i) increased by (x) the amount of any net income of the Partnership allocable to such Partner pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Agency Agreement and (y) the amount of any cash plus the fair market value of any non-cash assets subsequently contributed by such Partner to the Partnership, and (ii) decreased by (a) the amount of any net loss of the Partnership allocable to such Partner pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Agency Agreement and (b) the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any non-cash assets distributed by the Partnership to such Partner.
- (b) Each Partner shall make one or more capital contributions to the Partnership in such amounts, and upon such terms and conditions, as are provided in the Agency Agreement. No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on any capital contributed to the Partnership unless the Partners otherwise agree.
- 2.3 Distributions of Cash and Allocations of Taxable Income or Loss.
- (a) Cash shall be distributed to each Partner at such times and in such amounts as is provided in Section 3.1 of the Agency Agreement.
- (b) Net income and net loss shall be allocated to the Partners in the amounts specified in Section 3.2 of the Agency Agreement.

- (c) For income tax purposes, taxable income and loss and allocations thereof to each Partner will be determined in accordance with Section 3.2 of the Agency Agreement.
- 2.4 Expenses Incurred Prior to the Formation of the Partnership. No expense or obligation incurred for services performed or products supplied by either Partner prior to the formation of the Partnership shall be considered to be a contribution or loan to, or made on behalf of, the Partnership, unless otherwise provided in the Agency Agreement or by agreement of the Partners.
- 2.5 Distribution to Partners: Funding of Losses. Cash and other property shall be distributed by or withdrawn from the Partnership, and losses of the Partnership shall be funded, on the terms and conditions (and pursuant to the procedures) set forth in the Agency Agreement.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE PARTNERSHIP.

3.1 Board of Directors. There is hereby established a Board of Directors of the Partnership consisting of six members, or such even number of Directors as the Partners may from time to time agree upon, to have and exercise final authority, except as otherwise provided herein or in the Agency Agreement, with respect to the affairs of the Partnership specified in this Agreement. The initial members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Partners on or prior to December 26, 1988, and shall consist of three members appointed by STAR and three members appointed by CITIZEN. Each member shall hold office until he shall die, resign or be removed (with or without cause or notice) by the Partner that he represents, whereupon such Partner shall appoint such member's successor to the Board of Directors. Each member shall have one vote.

3.2 Meetings and Action of the Board of Directors.

(a) The initial meeting of the Board of Directors shall take place at such time and place as the Partners shall agree. The Board of Directors may establish meeting dates and requisite notice requirements, adopt rules of procedure it deems consistent herewith, and may meet by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

- (b) Any member of the Board of Directors may call a meeting. Unless waived, at least five business days' notice of a meeting is required. Notice to a director shall be given to the Partner whom the director represents, and shall be given in the manner described in Section 6.1 of the Agency Agreement. If proper notice of a meeting is given to all directors or waived, the presence at any meeting, in person or by proxy, of both (i) a majority of the total authorized number of directors and (ii) a majority of directors who were appointed by STAR and a majority of directors who were appointed by CITIZEN, shall constitute a quorum for the taking of any action, subject to Section 3.3 hereof. Any member may, in writing, appoint a proxy to act on his behalf and vote in his stead at any meeting. Subject to Section 3.2(c) below, the Board of Directors shall act on all matters by an affirmative vote of both (i) a majority of directors present at any meeting in person or by proxy, and (ii) a majority of directors who were appointed by STAR and a majority of directors who were appointed by CITIZEN.
- (c) Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without notice and without a meeting if a majority of the total authorized number of directors, including at least a majority of directors who were appointed by CITIZEN and at least a majority of directors who were appointed by STAR, consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action.

3.3 Actions by Partners.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall have no power, without action by the Partners themselves, (i) to amend this Agreement; (ii) to act other than in accordance with the purposes of the Partnership as set forth in Section 1.3 hereof; (iii) to admit a new partner; (iv) to merge or consolidate the Partnership with any other entity; or (v) to dissolve the Partnership.
- (b) No partner shall, except as authorized by the provisions hereof, take any action or assume any obligations or liabilities on behalf of the Partnership.
- (c) Nothing in this Agreement or the Agency Agreement shall in any way restrict, prohibit or impair the right of each Partner to sell or otherwise license its own news, editorial and feature content to wire services or otherwise (for the account of the Partnership) as it deems in its best interest.

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- (d) Any fiduciary or other duty that either Partner (or any Affiliate thereof) may owe to the other with respect to any of its businesses or operations that are allegedly in competition with those of the Agency shall be determined as if the legal relationship between the Partners were that which existed under the Previous Operating Agreement, and without regard to any subsequent agreement between the parties other than the express contractual provisions under this Agreement or the Agency Agreement. For purposes of this Section 3.3(d), "Previous Operating Agreement" means that certain Operating Agreement dated March 28, 1940, as amended by agreements dated June 15, 1953 and October 14, 1970.
- 3.4 President and Other Officers. The Agency shall have a President and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. Officers shall serve for a one-year term unless they earlier die, resign or are removed. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors with or without cause or notice. Subject to the Agency Agreement, this Agreement and the determinations of the Board of Directors, the President shall have full day-to-day operating authority, control and management of the business and affairs of the Agency, and any other officers of the Agency shall have such authority as is from time to time determined by the Board of Directors.

The President and such other officers shall act in accordance with the decisions of the Board of Directors and shall have no authority to take any action requiring prior Board of Directors approval without first obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors.

3.5 Indemnification.

(a) The Partnership shall indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to an action or proceeding, whether brought by a Partner or Affiliate of a Partner or any other person, whether civil or criminal, including an action by or in the right of any other corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, which any member of the Board of Directors or officer of the Partnership served in any capacity at the request of the Partnership, by reason of the fact that he, his testator or intestate, is or was a member of the Board of Directors or an officer of the Partnership, or served such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise in any capacity, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and

necessarily incurred as a result of such action or proceeding, or any appeal therein, if such member of the Board of Directors or officer acted, in good faith, for a purpose which he reasonably believed to be in, or, in the case of service for any other corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, not opposed to, the best interests of the Partnership and, in criminal actions or proceedings, in addition, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

- (b) The termination of any such civil or criminal action or proceeding by judgment, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere, or its equivalent, shall not in itself create a presumption that any such member of the Board of Directors or officer did not act, in good faith, for a purpose which he reasonably believed to be in, or, in the case of service for any other corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, not opposed to, the best interest of the Partnership or that he had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.
- (c) For the purpose of this Section 3.5, the Partnership shall be deemed to have requested a person to serve an employee benefit plan where the performance by such person of his duties to the Partnership also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, such person to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall be considered fines; and action taken or omitted by a person with respect to an employee benefit plan in the performance of such person's duties for a purpose reasonably believed by such person to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be a purpose which is not opposed to the best interests of the Partnership.
- (d) Indemnification under this Section 3.5 shall be made by the Partnership in any specific case only:
 - (i) if the beneficiary thereof shall have prevailed in an action or proceeding brought against him or shall have been found to have acted in compliance with the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this Section 3.5; or
 - (ii) by the Board of Directors upon the opinion in writing of independent legal counsel that indemnification is proper in the circumstances because the applicable standard of conduct set

forth in this Section 3.5 has been met by such member or officer.

- (e) The Partnership shall have the power, but shall not be obligated, to purchase and maintain insurance:
 - (i) to indemnify the Partnership for any obligation which it incurs as a result of the indemnification of the Board of Directors and officers under the provisions of this Section 3.5;
 - (ii) to indemnify such members and officers in instances in which they may be indemnified by the Partnership under the provisions of this Section 3.5; and
 - (iii) to indemnify such members and officers in instances in which they may not otherwise be indemnified by the Partnership under the provision of this Section 3.5.

4. TRANSFER OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS.

- 4.1 Prohibited Transfers. Except as expressly permitted by Section 4.2 hereof, neither Partner may transfer any of its right, title or interest in or to its Partnership Interest, in whole or in part. No attempted transfer of any Partnership Interest in violation of any provision of this Agreement or of the Agency Agreement shall be effective to pass any right, title or interest therein, but shall instead be null, void and of no effect.
- 4.2 Transfer to Affiliate. Subject to Section 4.3 hereof, a Partner (the "Transferor Partner") may transfer its entire Partnership Interest to any Affiliate of the Transferor Partner or to another transferee in accordance with the express provisions of Section 5.5 of the Agency Agreement. As used in this Agreement, an "Affiliate" of a party is any corporation or entity that directly or indirectly wholly owns such party, is directly or indirectly wholly-owned by such party, or is directly or indirectly wholly-owned by any other Affiliate of such party.
- 4.3 Conditions to Transfer. Any transfer made under Section 4.2 hereof is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:
 - (a) the transferee shall be admitted as a Partner of the Partnership and the Partners shall cause this Agreement to be amended accordingly;

- (b) the transferee shall in writing assume and agree to perform all of its duties and obligations as a Partner under this Agreement and under the Agency Agreement; and
- (c) the Transferor Partner (and any Affiliate that directly or indirectly wholly owns the Transferor Partner) shall agree fully to indemnify on an after tax basis the other Partner against any adverse tax consequences to the other Partner that may result from any termination of the Partnership for tax purposes on account of such transfer.

5. DISSOLUTION AND TERMINATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP.

5.1 Dissolution of the Partnership. The Partnership shall continue until dissolved as herein provided. Except as provided in Section 4.2 hereof or in Section 5.2 of the Agency Agreement, no Partner shall cause the Partnership to be dissolved without the prior written consent of the other Partner. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, the provisions of Section 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the Agency Agreement shall apply, as the case may be.

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- 6.1 Amendments and Waivers. This Agreement may not be amended, modified, terminated, rescinded, or cancelled, except by a writing signed by both of the Partners. The observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) by a writing signed by the Partner against which such waiver is to be asserted.
- 6.2 Specific Performance. In addition to any other remedies the Partners may have, each Partner shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this Agreement through injunctive relief or by a decree or decrees of specific performance.
- 6.3 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held in any proceeding to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it was held to be invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and shall be valid and be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law, but only if and to the extent such enforcement would not materially and

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adversely frustrate the Partners' essential purposes and intent as expressed herein and in the Agency Agreement.

- 6.4 No Waiver. No delay on the part of any Partner in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any waiver on the part of any Partner of any right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder.
- 6.5 <u>Headings</u>. The section headings herein are intended only for convenience and do no constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not be considered in the interpretation of this Agreement or any of its provisions.
- 6.6 <u>Variation of Pronouns</u>. All pronouns and all variations thereof shall be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine or neuter, singular or plural, as the identity or identities of the antecedent person or persons may require.
- 6.7 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one agreement, and any party hereto may execute this Agreement by signing one or more counterparts hereof. This Agreement shall become effective when counterparts hereof duly executed by each partner have been delivered to each Partner.
- 6.8 Binding Effect: No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Partners and their respective permitted successors and assigns. Nothing in the Agreement, expressed or implied, shall give to anyone other than the Partners and their respective permitted successors and assigns and the Partnership any benefit, or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim, under or in respect of this Agreement.
- 6.9 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Arizona, without giving effect to conflict of laws principles.
- 6.10 <u>Priority of Interpretation</u>. If any provision of this Agreement conflicts with any provision in the Agency Agreement, the provision in the Agency Agreement shall control.
- 6.11 Notices. Each notice or other communication given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given as provided in Section 6.1 of the Agency Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

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Name: Nicholas G. Perintian II Title: Senor uce president

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STAR PUBLISHING COMPANY

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***************************************	Var. %	(1.2)	(10.8) 2.1 (8.8) 1.9	(0.8) (3.1) 0.0 (112.9)	0.0	(2.2)	(31.7)	(53.0) 0.0 27.7.2 8.8	6.8 (6.9)	(7.4) (12.2) (5.6)	(2.3)	0.0	(3.0)	0.0	(3.0) 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (3.1)
	Variance Va	(7,696) (180,526)	(168,833) 40,448 (221,653) 32,286	(16,326) (242,766) (89,359)		(1,710,530)	(579,091) (73,025)	(2,341,853) 3,543,142 1,201,289 549,173	549,173 687,309 (138,135)	(641,378) (287,926) (353,452)	(2,370,363)		(2,486,665) (1,311,148) (1,175,517)	* *	(1,175,517) - 23,694 - (1,199,211)
	PLAN V.	1,838,090 15,015,120	1,559,750 1,962,961 2,532,068 1,694,820	2,109,730 7,747,927 79,137		77,371,868 (30,863,746	1,827,185	4,416,941	8,044,617 6,052,007 1,992,610	8,700,292 2,368,856 6,333,436	101,990,047		124,980,524 85,790,731 39,189,793		39,189,793
DATE	Var. %	2.5.5	(5.9) 5.0 (4.8) 9.3	(1.5) 0.7 0.0 (113.1)	0.0	(0.9)	26.8 44.3	92.2 16.4 36.2 36.3	0.0 36.3 28.9 72.3	20.1 (10.2) 36.2	5.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 (78.9) 6.1
YEAR -T0 -DATE	Variance	89,232 343,182	(87,058) 95,200 (115,640) 146,298	(32,263) 52,818 - (88,523)	*	1,564,201	263,681 530,356	995,696 498,329 1,494,026 2,288,063	2,288,063 1,509,868 778,195	1,350,949 (237,378) 1,588,327	5,177,687		4,944,072 2,836,690 2,107,382	# # **********************************	2,107,382 (88,528) 2,195,910
	Dec 2005	1,741,162	1,477,974 1,908,209 2,426,055 1,580,809	2,125,667 7,452,343 78,301	,	74,097,137 30,438,957	984,413 1,197,110	1,079,392 3,044,813 4,124,205 6,305,728	6,305,728 5,229,447 1,076,281	6,707,965 2,316,308 4,391,657	94,441,997	• •	117,549,787 81,642,892 35,906,895		35,906,895 , 112,222 35,794,673
******	Dec 2006	1,830,394 14,834,594	1,390,917 2,003,409 2,310,415 1,727,107	2,093,404 7,505,161 , (10,222)		75,661,338	1,248,094	2,075,088 3,543,142 5,618,230 8,593,790	8,593,790 6,739,315 1,854,475	8,058,914 2,078,929 5,979,984	99,619,684	, ,	122,493,859 84,479,583 38,014,276		38,014,276 23,694 37,990,582
For Period Dec 2006		USAT Circulation Mailroom News	Gen. & Admin. Accounting Information Teah. Market Development	Building Employee Benefits Unalloc. Depreciation Bad Debt	Offrer Op. Exp.	Core Newspaper Expense Core Newspaper Profit	Non-Dally Revenue: Retail Classified	Preprint: Local Majors Total Non-Daily Preprint Retail: Total Non-Daily Advertising Revenue	Non-Daily Circulation Revenue Total Non-Daily Revenue Non-Daily Expense Non-Daily Profit	Online Revenue Online Expense Online Profit	Total Advertising Revenue	Equity Income\Loss Other Non-Operating Rev\Exp	Total Newspaper Revenue Total Newspaper Expense Total Newspaper Profit	Local Commercial Ptg: Revenue Expense Proft	USAT Printing N.1.B.T. Interest income/Expense Goodwill Special Items Tax Provision Net Income
	Var. %	0.0 33.1 17.2	(114.3) 9.7 (4.8) 0.7	4.3 2.7 0.0 (433.7)	0.0	15.2	(20.4)		24.6 22.9 30.0			0.0	11.9 11.5	0.0	0.0 12.8 0.0 0.0 0.0 12.1
	Variance	- 48,766 200,432	(137,834) 15,673 (9,695) 554	7,078 16,186 (27,672)	•	641,337	(28,205) (4,159)	(147,601) 341,790 194,189 161,825	161,825 115,392 48,433	(24,213) 17,793 (42,006)	815,808		1,205,010 774,521 430,489		430,489 23,694 406,795
	PLAN	147,370 1,162,516	120,576 161,380 202,244 81,543	166,057 603,554 6,381	ı	6,022,957	138,247	379,550 379,550 658,459	658,459 503,759 154,700	596,876 195,762 401,114	8,303,879		10,086,334 6,722,479 3,363,855	1 6	3,363,855
C	Var. %	0.0 42.1 24.5	(131.4) 12.7 9.7 (11.1)	4.4 (7.0) 0.0 (183.4)	0.0	15.8 12.6	(2.3)	24.9 24.9 65.3	0.0 44.2 31.5 105.7	10.1 26.8 2.1	18.4	0.0	16.2 17.2 14.2	0.0	0.0 14.2 0.0 0.0 (78.9) 0.0
	Variance Var. %	58,073 267,964	(72,299) 19,891 17,013	7,325 (46,996) (46,828)	•	907,078 361,056	(2,569) 27,495	158,487 68,091 226,578 254,504	251,504 148,153 103,351	52,449 45,074 7,375	1,417,392	1 +	1,572,087 1,100,305 471,782		471,782 (88,528)
	Dec 2005	138,064	55,041 157,161 175,536 92,326	165,809 666,736 25,537		5,757,216 2,873,047	112,611	73,461 273,699 347,181	568,780 470,999 97,781	520,214 168,481 351,734	7,702,296		9,719,257 8,396,695 3,322,561	1	3,322,561 - 112,222 - 3,210,339
	Dec 2006	196,137	(17,257) 177,053 192,549 82,097	173,134 619,740 - (21,291)		6,664,294	110,042	231,949 341,790 573,739	820,284 820,284 619,151	572,663 213,555 359,109	9.119,687		11,291,344 7,497,000 3,794,344		3,794,344 23,694 3,770,650

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	Variance	(107,342) (551,548)	(286,917) (180,603) (166,166) (298,349)	(429,562) (19,666)	•	(3,123,951)	72,378 (240,951)	(3,253,730) 2,889,356 (364,375) (532,948)	(532,948) 196,723 (729,671)	(2,046,570) 301,946 (2,348,516)	(10,699,453)	* *	(10,942,639) (2,631,283) (8,311,356)	605,236 217,304 387,931	(7,923,425) (1,464,944) (6,458,480)
**************************************	PLAN	1,691,405	1,588,356 2,024,973 2,286,454 1,546,234	2,067,804 7,307,274 42,700	•	73,854,980	1,797,520	5,690,058 5,690,058 9,479,106	9,479,106 7,058,925 2,422,181	9,449,977 2,305,493 7,144,484	100,712,567	, ,	123,267,372 83,217,398 40,049,974		40,049,974
0 -DATE	Var. %	0.0 (13.5) (4.3)	(6.4) (7.9) (8.2) (27.7)	(7.3) (8.4) 0.0 325.3	0.0	(6.5)	49.8 1.3	(18.5) (5.2) 4.1	4.1	(8.1) 25.4 (19.8)	(9.6)	0.0	(8.3) (4.6) (16.5)	0.0	(15.5) 0.0 0.0 0.0 (6,282.8) 0 (11.6)
YEAR -T0 -DATE	Variance	(246,332) (631,164)	(89,477) (159,039) (190,127) (479,222)	(152,623) (627,449) - 33,255	,	(4,936,309) (4,929,677)	621,804	361,239 (653,787) (292,547) 352,367	352,367 514,332 (161,965)	(655,507) 528,509 (1,184,016)	(9,606,570)		(10,169,125) (3,893,467) (6,275,658)	605,236 217,304 367,931	(5,887,727) (1,488,638) (4,399,088)
***************************************	Dec 2008	1,830,394	1,390,917 2,003,409 2,310,415 1,727,107	2,093,404 7,505,161 (10,222)	•	75,661,338 30,179,817	1,248,094	2,075,088 3,543,142 5,618,230 8,593,790	8,593,790 6,739,315 1,854,475	8,058,914 2,078,929 5,979,984	99,619,684		122,493,859 84,479,583 38,014,276	, 1	38,014,276
**********	Dec 2007	1,584,063 14,203,430	1,301,440 1,844,370 2,120,288 1,247,885	1,940,781 6,877,712 23,034	•	70,725,029	1,869,898 1,750,577	2,436,328 2,889,356 5,325,683 8,946,158	8,946,158 7,253,648 1,692,510	7,403,407 2,607,439 4,795,968	90,013,114	e 1	112,324,734 80,586,115 31,738,618	605,236 217,304 387,931	32.126.550
		USAT Circulation Mailroom News	Gen. & Admin. Accounting Information Tech. Market Development	Building Employee Benefits Unalloc. Depreciation Bad Debt	Other Op. Exp.	Core Newspaper Expense Core Newspaper Profit	Non-Dally Revenue: Retail Classified	Lorepuin. Lorepuin. Majors Total Non-Daily Preprint Retail: Total Non-Daily Advertising Revenue	Non-Lasily Lifetiation Revenue Total Non-Daily Revenue Non-Daily Profit	Online Revenue Online Expense Online Profit	Total Advertising Revenue	Equity Income\Loss Other Non-Operating Rev\Exp	Total Newspaper Revenue Total Newspaper Expense Total Newspaper Profit	Local Commercial Ptg: Revenue Expense Profit	USAT Printing N.I.B.T. Goodwill Special items Tax Provision Net Income
	Var. %	9 19 🕤	(59.9) (12.1) (2.3) (1.9)	(14.4) (11.9) 0.0 641.8	0.0	(32.1)	16.3 (22.1)	(40.4) 0.0 12.0	0.0 12.0 35.9	(28.7) 21.6 (48.2)	(17.4)	0.0	(14.6) (5.9) (31.4)	8 8 8	(31.3) 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
	Variance	5.€	(75,817) (19,878) (4,161) (1,577)	(23,762) (70,511) 21,084	*	(446,142)	19,239 (30,757)	(170,099) 263,121 93,022 81,503	81,503 29,777 51,725	(185,072) 38,925 (223,996)	(1,389,750)		(1,421,053) (377,440) (1,043,614)	10,146 6,335 3,811	(1,039,802)
	NA 10	134,086	126,492 164,631 184,271 81,707	164,446 592,614 3,285	,	5,722,697 2,713,963	118,372 139,448	420,928 420,928 678,748	678,748 534,811 143,937	645,413 180,240 465,173	8,006,920	. ,	9,760,821 6,437,748 3,323,073		3,323,073
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	Varions Var 8	ി ഒദ	67,932 (32,100) (12,439) (1,957)	(32,450) (97,637) 45,660	•	(1,387,739)	27,569 (27,813)	18,880 (78,669) (59,789) (60,033)	(60,033) (54,563) (5,471)	(112,322) 5,610 (117,932)	(2,502,518)		(2,951,576) (1,436,692) (1,514,885)	10,146 6,335 3,811	(1,511,073)
	4000	196,137 1,362,948	(17,257) 177,053 192,549 82,097	173,134 619,740 (21,291)		6,664,294	110,042 136,503	231,949 341,790 573,739 820,284	820,284 619,151 201,133	572,663 213,555 359,109	9,119,687		11,291,344 7,497,000 3,794,344	- +	3,794,344
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(1,921,859) (36.0) Core Newspaper Expense (116,317) (5.7) Core Newspaper Profit	5,340,375	2,5	(35.2) 5,	
Non-Daily Revenue: (67,393) (38.4) Retail (75,241) (55.8) Classified	175,514 134,876		(21.4) (45.1)	(29,490) (21.4) (49,056) (45.1)
- r	208,635 220,352 428,987		(7.5) 10,0 1.5	
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(197,433) (35.4) Online Revenue 3,368 1,5 Online Expense (200,801) (§1.0) Online Profit	557,479 228,506 328,973		(21.8) 5.8 (46.9)	
(2,169,284) (31.6) Total Advertising Revenue	6,857,513	Φ	(29.2)	(29.2)
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(2.285,725) (26.3) Total Newspaper Revenue (1,933,790) (31.5) Total Newspaper Expense (352,043) (13.8) Total Newspaper Profit	8,677,174 6,134,420 2,542,754		(23.4) (23.7) (3.9)	
181,445 2,203.4 Revenue 86,178 1,876.8 Expense 95,267 2,615.0 Profit	8,235 4,592 3,643		1,769.5 1,332.9 2,495.1	179,534 1,769,5 84,435 1,332,9 95,099 2,495,1
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Var. %	0.0 (6.3) (4.4)	8.8 (0.8) (0.8)	(10.4) (22.1) 0.0 1,778.9	0.0	(39.2)	(35.8)	6.6	(11.2)	(11.2) (2.3) (38.5)	(26.0)	(43.9)	(18.1)	0.0	(15.3)	695.7 969.9	350.0	(39.3)	0.0	0.0	(40.8)
Variance	(101,088)	(89,487) (169,470) (171,247) (76,616)	(1,550,150) (1,550,190) 759,585	. (4,575,533)	(8,775,381)	(690,383)	186,908	(1,073,062)	(1,073,062) (164,112) (908,950)	(2,081,785)	(2,243,486)	(15,391,879)	, ,	(16,505,760) (4,577,943) (11,927,924)	744,712.	165,791	(11,762,133)	· •	442,934	(12,205,067)
PLAN	1,607,977	1,314,733 1,886,765 2,073,338 1,222,406	1,906,394 7,022,182 42,700	67.938.878	22,390,232	1,929,163	2,824,982	9,554,942	9,554,942 7,195,905 2,359,037	8,010,058	5,110,926	84,941,233		107,894,111 78,033,915 29,860,196	107,052	47,365	29.907.562	, * *	. 1	29,907,562
YEAR -TO -DATE	0.0 (4.9) (8.6)	(5.9) (10.3) (8.2)	(12.0) (20.4) 0.0 3,383.1	0.0	(48.1)	(29.2)	4 4	(5.2)	(14.3)	(19.9)	(40.2)	(22.7)	0.0	(18.6) (8.8) (43.5)	40.7	(45.1)	0.0	0.0	130.2	(47.3)
Variance	(77,174)	(76,194) (127,075) (218,197) (102,095)	(233,537) (1,405,719) 779,251		(11,635,288)	(511,797)	122,534	(464,277)	(464,277) (221,855) (242,422)	(1,475,134)	(1,928,527)	(20,463,759)		(20,936,383) (7,130,144)	246,528	(174,775)	(13 981 121)		1,907,879	(15,889,000)
Dec 2007	1,584,063	1,301,440 1,844,370 2,120,288 1,247,885	1,940,781 6,877,712 	- 20 257 07	25,250,140	1,750,577	2,436,328	5,325,683 8,946,158	8,946,158 7,253,648 1,692.510	7,403,407 2,607,439	4,795,968	90,013,114		112,324,734 80,586,115 31,738,648	605,236 217,304	387,931	32 128 650	a aplicate imp	(1,464,944)	33,591,494
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EXHIBIT E

In Re: Investigation by the Department of Justice into the Termination of the Tucson Arizona Newspapers Joint Operating Agreement

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DEPOSITION OF

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February 19, 2009 2:00 p.m.

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A. Only through this email.

Q. So independent of this email, you have no memory of that request that Mary made to Mr. Veon?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any idea what the phrase "p.m. conversion in Madison" refers to?

A. Yes. The afternoon paper in Madison, the Capitol Times, was a six-day-a-week daily in April 2008, and it was announced probably in February of 2008, the management of the Capitol Times decided to change the frequency. Publication from 6 days a week to 1 day a week.

Q. Okay. And did people at Lee have personal sort of experience with what was happening in the effecting of that conversion and the aftermath?

A. Yes.

That's the p.m. conversion.

Q. Okay. And why do you think it would be of relevance to Bob Dickey?

A. That you would have to ask Bob Dickey.

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 Q. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Ehrman about Gannett's plans for the Citizen going forward?

A. Not at this time, no.

Q. At what point in time did you?

A. That would have occurred in August or September 2008, roughly.

Q. Okay. What was the nature of those communications?

A. Mr. Ehrman called me one day and said that Gannett had decided that they believed it was best to sell, or failing that, close the Citizen, and wanted Lee's opinion as to whether we would agree with that.

Q. Why would you have to agree?

MR. McCALMON: Objection, he didn't testify -- he didn't testify they would have to agree.

MS. HALE: He said whether -MR. McCALMON: Said he wanted his
opinion as to whether they would agree.
MR. DEMPSEY: Read the answer back.
(The requested portion of the record

was read back by the reporter.)

Q. Did you speak to Bob Dickey on this subject?

A. No.

Q. This subject being the p.m. conversion?

A. Not that I recall. If he raised it in a board call, I'm not remembering it. I never spoke individually to Bob Dickey about it, no.

Q. And you described the change that happened in Madison as a six-day-a-week going to one-day-a-week. Why would that be called a p.m. conversion?

A. The Capitol Times was a p.m. newspaper, and that's just an acronym they gave it at the time.

Q. So the p.m. newspaper converted to something different?

A. Converted from a daily to a weekly, essentially.

Q. So did you have any more discussions with Mr. Ehrman relating to TNI following this March communication that's set out in Exhibit 19?

A. I recall at one point the — there was discussion about Gannett's lack of interest in acquiring our share of Tucson and their lack of interest in pursuing the 1 percent ownership

Q. (BY MS. HALE) My question was, why would Gannett care whether Lee agreed or didn't agree with that?

A. We are equal partners in a partnership, and, I mean, you are asking me to answer for Gannett, so I'm not sure I should. I mean, I can speculate and say that, you know, we are business partners, and that's the way business partners treat each other, you know, if there is going to be a change with an asset of the partnership of any significance.

Q. Had you ever suggested to anybody at Gannett that they consider closing or selling the Citizen before you had this conversation with Mr. Ehrman?

A. No.

Q. Would it surprise you if Mr. Ehrman said to us that you suggested the idea?

A. Me personally?

Q. Yes.

A. That would surprise me.

MS. HALE: Handing the court reporter a document to be marked as Exhibit 20.

(Lee Deposition Exhibit 20 was

mark'd for identification.)



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MR. McCALMON: Can we go off the record for a second?

MS. HALE: Sure.

(A recess was held off the record.)

- Q. (BY MS. HALE) Are you finished?
- A. I'm sorry, yes.
- Q. Okay. I need to go back to something we were talking about before, which was Mr. Ehrman you said got in touch with you. Did you say August, September of 2008?
- A. Approximately, I don't recall exactly, but it would have been about that timeframe.
- Q. Regarding the closing or putting up for sale of the Citizen, and I didn't -- I don't think I got an answer to my question on what your reaction was to that.

MR. McCALMON: I think you did get. Can you read it back.

(The requested portion of the record was read back by the reporter.)

- Q. (BY MS. HALE) Well, if you could look at the document that's been marked Exhibit --
 - A. Okay.
- Q. Okay. And as you may have been able to tell from reading it, it is an email from Craig

- Q. On what topic?
- A. Unclear.

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- Q. Was there information that he had asked from you and was waiting to hear from you?
- A. Not that I recall. I mean, Dan and I talk periodically about many things.
- Q. But in this timeframe, you have no sense of what -- a conversation where he told you about Gannett's plan regarding the Citizen?
 - A. That's a possibility.
- Q. And would there be any reason that Dan would be waiting to hear back from you on that subject?
- A. If, in fact, this email does refer to that particular topic, then as I stated in an earlier answer, Dan did ask for me to have a discussion on that topic among the Lee people because they had asked for our opinion.
- Q. Okay. And did you have such a discussion among the Lee people?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And what was that discussion?
- A. Would we be in agreement with the idea to sell or close the Citizen, and we agreed that it was worth pursuing.

Dubow to Mary Junck, and he, in his email, references Dan Ehrman being in touch with you -- having been in touch with you. And now he is -- Dan is waiting to hear back from you.

What's your understanding of Dan Ehrman

being in touch with you, and about what? And this would be in July, end of July, 2008.

MR. McCALMON: I'm going to object, because he was not on this email, and it was not a communication involving him.

MS. HALE: What are you objecting

MR. McCALMON: It calls for speculation.

MS. HALE: I asked if Dan Ehrman had been in touch with him.

MR. McCALMON: You asked what is your understanding of what is written here, this note that he has been --

MS. HALE: I will rephrase my question.

- Q. (BY MS. HALE) Was Dan Ehrman in touch with you during this timeframe?
- A. Based on my reading of this email, I would say yes.

- Q. And why was it worth pursuing?
- A. Areas the size of Tucson with two
 newspapers are rare. And the Citizen itself had
 had significantly declining circulation over the
 years. It is our opinion that Tucson can't really
 support two newspapers. Many municipalities can't
 even support one.
 - Q. Had you done any analysis of the Citizen's contribution to the JOA?
 - A. No
 - Q. And so what -- what were you basing this statement that you just made that perhaps Tucson couldn't support two newspapers?
 - A. Changes in circulation primarily.
 - Q. And were others at Lee in the discussion you had with them in agreement on this point?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Did you convey that view, that Lee view, to Mr. Ehrman?
 - A Yes
 - Q. And was there any discussion at that point in time of how the JOA would be restructured once the Citizen was sold or shut down?
 - A. Well, the JOA agreement would still stand in -- as I understand it. And there was



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some discussion about maintaining the 50-50 distribution of earnings, yes.

- Q. Okay. So if I understand you correctly then, Gannett would continue to receive 50 percent of the profits after the Citizen was sold or closed?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. Even though there is only one newspaper, your newspaper?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And what would Gannett be contributing to the enterprise at that point?
- A. Gannett contributes a substantial amount of management expertise to the partnership now, and, in fact, I would characterize them as the operating partner of the partnership. Systems, a good I believe most of the benefits are provided by Gannett. They provide committees of scale in relation to procurement of newsprint and other commodities. I'm sure there are more things, but all of those.
- Q. Had you made an assessment of the value of those things relative to 50 percent of the profit that would come from a partnership that operated only one newspaper?

A. You have to understand that the contribution of assets occurred in 1940-something, and I believe at the time that the relative contributions of the two parties were somewhat equal. Now, I mean, I wasn't around then. I wasn't even born then, but I'm sure that if the contributions weren't relatively equal, it wouldn't be a 50-50 partnership today.

Over time those assets have change in value, but it is a partnership, and the fact that it was designed to be shared or that profits were designed to be shared 50-50 is an enduring concept. So, the fact that we are the publisher of the Star today and the Star happens to have bigger circulation than the Citizen, I mean, over time, that's a nice concept, but the real governing issue is the partnership agreement, and that's a 50-50 deal. I'm not sure I answered the question.

Q. I think I'm still confused, and there may be something that I'm missing. But as I understand it, you know, it is your newspaper that would be bringing in the ad revenues and the subscriber revenues. And it is not clear to me -- and I could be missing something -- why you would

want to give 50 percent of those to your partner unless there was something of comparable value that your partner is bringing to the partnership.

- A. Well, the bulk of the advertising is generated by the Star now, even with the Citizen in existence, and yet we still share profits 50-50. So all you are talking about is simply an extension of that same concept, so I'm not sure I understand the question.
- Q. Was there an expectation that the Star would generate more revenues in terms of subscribers and advertisers if the Citizen were not around?
- A. The analysis that was done indicated there were some cost savings if the Citizen were not in existence. I don't recall that was actually an increase in revenue. In fact, there would be a decrease in revenue probably from the elimination of the Citizen circulation revenue.
 - Q. What analysis are you referring to?
- A. There was analysis prepared by Gannett and with the assistance of the TNI staff.
 - Q. And that was shared with you?
 - A. Yes.

MR. McCALMON: Nina, can we go off

the record for a second? I don't mean to interrupt a line of questioning, but when we can go off the record for a second, we have important information about the schedule.

(A recess was held off the record.)

- Q. (BY MS. HALE) What did that analysis show?
- A. I believe it showed a net increase in the profitability of the TNI operation primarily from cost reduction.
- Q. Okay. And one thing that I didn't understand when you were talking about partnership and what Gannett brings to the table, even though the Citizen at this point was talked about being closed or sold, aren't those things that you described, the services and the expertise and all of that, aren't they providing that -- I mean, weren't they providing that all along?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And so once the Citizen is gone, is that really what was valuable to them as a partner, those services and efficiencies and skills as a newspaper owner, as a partnership, and not the Citizen?
 - A. I'm still not sure what your question



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an entirety privilege if that's what you are asserting.

MR. LANG: It is and I will ask for the return of the document. It's true that we looked at it, but on the face of it, the entire privilege nature was not known from the face of it and when it was put in the context we could tell, we had a huge volume of documents to produce in about 15 days and as a result of that we just really had to plow through it and were getting a lot of push to get the documents done and of course we wanted to accommodate you.

MR. DEMPSEY: I will respond to some of that because while the original due date for the production was a two week time frame your production did not come in two weeks. Some of it came in yesterday so production has been taking place over the course of a month, but I don't think you or I want to get into an argument about that on the record.

We will agree to remove Exhibit 10

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- Q. Buyup?
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- Tell me what that means.
- A. That would have been the
- 5 conversations earlier in 2008 where we talked
- about one of us buying an additional ownership 6 7 interest.
- 8 Q. This would be conversations between
 - A. Dan Ehrman and Carl Schmidt.
 - Q. Dan Ehrman, yourself, and Carl
 - Schmidt at Lee?

Gannett and Lee?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Those are the swaps and other exchanges of interest that you described previously?
 - A. This is the buyup, not the swaps.
- Q. The buyup of Lee's interest?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now, so was it June of 2008 when a consideration first began about -- what was the

phrase you used regarding the Citizen

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from the record of this deposition and take under consideration your claim that it's a privileged document.

However, with agreement with counsel, though, I can pick up with where my questioning left off with the witness, Mr. Ehrman and that's what I would like to do at this time.

> MR. LANG: Okay. BY MR. DEMPSEY:

Q. You had been telling me in the time frame of June 2008 that there was consideration at Gannett of the Citizen going away entirely.

Tell me what that was about, please.

- A. When we didn't -- when the buyout transaction didn't come to fruition we started evaluating whether the Citizen was a failing newspaper.
- Q. When you say "the buyout transaction didn't come to fruition" tell me what that meant?
 - A. I should say buyup.

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- newspaper?
 - A. Whether it was a failing newspaper.
 - Q. Is that when the consideration
- began?
 - A. Around June, yes.
- Q. And what was your involvement in
- 7 that?
 - A. We ran the -- lead the team that ran
 - the economic analysis.
 - Q. Who lead the team?
 - A. I lead the team.
 - Q. Who was the team that did the
 - economic analysis?
 - A. It would have been Evan Ray, Bruce Klink, myself. And then in the later stages we involved Mike Jameson and Joel and I -- I can't pronounce Joel's last name. I forget his last name.
 - Q. Are you referring to Joel Rohlik, the VP of finance at TNI?
 - A. Yes.
 - That is the whole team?

- A. We may have asked an additional corporate specialist for input. For example, on Austin Ryan on something associated with equipment.
- Q. Did Robert Dickey have a role in this analysis on whether or not the Tucson Citizen was a failing newspaper?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Why did you lead the team?
- A. It was an outgrowth of the conversations we were having with Lee. It involves a -- it would involve a structural reorganization of TNI potentially and when we deal with outside parties on those kinds of things I tend to lead that team.
- Q. When you say "it was an outgrowth of the conversation we were having with Lee" are you referring to the conversations you were having with Carl Schmidt?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. At what point did you broach with Lee the idea of shutting down the Citizen?

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- Q. And when approximately did that get suggested to you?
 - A. That would have been in mid 2008.So May/June time period.
 - Q. And did he explain why he was suggesting your newspaper should be shut down as opposed to your newspaper?
 - A. I don't recall him explaining that.
 - Q. Tell me what was discussed when he said "what about Gannett shutting down the Citizen" if that's the way he put it?
 - A. I don't recall how he put it, but the idea was -- the suggestion was what are other efficiencies? What else can we do in Tucson to improve the operating results there.
 - Q. What does the operating results mean? Does that mean the profits?
 - A. Yes.

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- .9 Q. Coming out of TNI?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Is there something the matter with the level of profits coming out of TNI?

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- A. I didn't broach it with Lee.
 - Q. Who -- did anybody broach that with Lee?
 - A. I don't know if anybody did. I didn't.
 - Q. What point, to your knowledge, did Lee become informed that Gannett was going to pursue that idea of shutting down the Citizen?
 - A. When they -- they suggested it.
 - Q. Lee suggested it?
 - A. Carl suggested it.
 - Q. What did he suggest?
 - A. When the buyup wasn't going anywhere we needed to look at other alternatives for improving the operations there.
 - Q. What did Carl specifically suggest to you?
 - A. I don't remember the specifics of the conversation.
 - Q. You were saying that Lee suggested, what, to shut down the Citizen?
 - A. Yes.

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- A. They are going down and, you know, we are -- our whole industry is in a problem so we are looking at ways to maintain our product. Lee has whatever their own interests are to maintain their profits.
 - Q. So walk me through what happened next. So Carl Schmidt suggests to you maybe Gannett should shut down the Citizen. What happens after that?
 - A. We have conversations internally as to whether that's possible, how you go about doing it.
 - Q. What was the reaction inside Gannett generally to that idea?
 - A. If there is a way to improve the bottom line of TNI we should evaluate that.
 - Q. So then what steps were taken to evaluate the bottom line of TNI and to evaluate the Citizen as a candidate to be shut down?
 - A. The Citizen was a logical candidate to be shut down because it's the afternoon paper and it's the smaller paper. The process

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- was to look at, okay, what does the Citizen contribute to TNI.
 - Q. And were there ongoing discussions with Lee as regarding shutting down the Citizen after Carl made the suggestion to you that Gannett considered shutting down the Citizen?
 - A. There were additional discussions, yes.
 - Q. And why were there additional discussions?
 - A. Just to keep them updated about our analysis.
 - Q. Did they have input into that analysis?
 - A. I don't recall.
 - Q. And you keep them updated because they are your partner at TNI?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Now, when you lead this team to do the analysis of considering shutting down the Citizen did you have a name for that project?
 - A. No.

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- Q. What sort of documents or reports or written analyses did you all generate in that process?
- A. It was principally worksheets, Excel worksheets, where we started with actual data and actual data for TNI and broke it apart into its components, TNI, the Citizen and the Star, and then there would have been memoranda explaining, you know, back and forth what the numbers were, e-mails back and forth to gather the data.
 - Q. E-mails back and forth between whom?
 - A. Among the people on the team.
 - Q. Gannett people on the team?
 - A. Yes, Gannett people.
- Q. And I want to come back to more of that but moving ahead for the moment so what was the point at which you all decided that, yes, we would put the Citizen up for sale; if there isn't a buyer shut it down?
- A. I would suspect that -- when we made the decision to put -- I can't remember an

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- exact date when we did that.
- Q. A general date is okay. Maybe this will be a different way to ask the question.

I think you said you began around mid June with Carl saying to you how about Gannett shutting down the Citizen. Then you told me there was a team.

How long did that process run?

- A. Into the fourth quarter.
- Q. Of 2008?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. And so at some time in the fourth quarter when you decide we are going to pursue this idea of putting the Citizen up for sale and if it's not sold shutting it down?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And did you inform Lee of your analysis? You told me it had updates to them along the way?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And what was their reaction to that?

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- 1 A. Just keep us informed.
 - Q. So they didn't object to the idea?
 - A. They didn't object to the idea.
 - Q. And I have seen a letter that you
 - signed on behalf of Gannett and somebody signed
 - on behalf of Lee changing the relationship
- 7 between the two companies in light of the sale
 - of the Citizen and its possible closure if
 - nobody buys it.

Do you remember that -- you know what I am talking about?

MR. LANG: Object to form. Rather than describing the letter if there is a letter in mind why don't you show it to him?

MR. DEMPSEY: I may do that in time. Let me ask a different question if I may.

BY MR. DEMPSEY:

- Q. So you let them know some time in the fourth quarter you want to close the Citizen?
- A. May have been fourth quarter starts October 1. Could have been the end of

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September. I mean, you know. There were a number of months of analysis that went on and I don't have a bright line date when we had the conversations with Carl and there could have been conversations with Carl along the way of the analysis that were going on that would have been earlier than in the fourth quarter.

Q. Thank you for that clarification.
What discussions did you have with
Carl about how you might if you were to close
the Citizen, sell it if nobody buy it, close
it, what changes would need to be made to your
partnership with Lee if you go down that road?

- A. When?
- Q. When did you -- did you have conversations with Carl about that?
 - A. Not until earlier this year.
- Q. Going back to the decision, the analysis you were doing in the two months about whether or not to close down the Citizen, did you talk with Carl about how the partnership with Lee would also have to be changed if you

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- about what happened to the TNI agreement.
- Q. When you say "we" are you referring to yourself and Carl?
 - A. Carl and I.

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- Q. Were you having discussions internally at Gannett on what changes you would want to see to the partnership and the JOA agreement in Tucson if you were to go down the
- agreement in Tucson if you were to goroad of selling or closing the Citizen?

A. I don't recall having any discussions like that within Gannett.

Q. Are you saying you didn't have them or what are you telling me?

MR. LANG: Objection. He asked and answered.

BY MR. DEMPSEY:

- Q. Go ahead.
- A. I am telling you I don't recall having those discussions.
- Q. Okay. What is the arrangement you now have with Lee regarding your relationship in Tucson?

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were to get rid of the Citizen?

- A. No.
- Q. Did you have -- you told me before that when you were talking about ideas of swap in the TNI reorg and you talked about changing say the termination provisions or other things that would need to change did you do a similar analysis in conjunction with selling or closing the Citizen?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Did others at Gannett do that?
- A. Not that I'm aware of. I need to correct that last statement. Back when we were going through this analysis up to the sale we didn't talk about any changes to the partnership agreement. You referred to a letter that I signed. That's when we talked about what would happen on the partnership agreement. What is documented in that letter and about that same time.

Back in the third and fourth quarter when we were doing the analysis we didn't talk

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- A. That when and if the sale transaction shut down occurs we have to renegotiate the partnership agreement and we are sharing expenses on this process.
- Q. Does your agreement with them currently also provide that you will share profits 50/50 on the Star after the Citizen is either sold or closed?
- A. We will share profits coming out of TNI 50/50.
- Q. Which after the Citizen is sold or closed would be only the Star newspaper as the core newspaper?
- A. The Star would be the only core newspaper. There would be nondaily products and there will be web products and whatever other projects TNI created on a going forward business.
 - Q. Which are currently products in TNI?
- A. Yes
- Q. For instance, you all print the Wall
 Street Journal and distribute it in that area;

is that correct?

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A. I know that we distribute it. I don't know if we print it.

- Q. Prior to the sale of the Citizen that is ongoing right now, in the TNI you both have newspapers that you have to produce; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Gannett has to put out the Citizen and Lee has to put out the Star?
- A. No. Gannett, Lee and TNI have to put out those newspapers.
- Q. Does Gannett have responsibility for its own newsroom for the Citizen?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And does Lee have as its responsibility for the newsroom the Star?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Is it Gannett's responsibility under the JOA to create the news content and editorial content for the Citizen?
 - A. Yes.

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Q. Is that a requirement for it to do that under the JOA?

MR. LANG: I object to the extent you are asking him for legal conclusions.

MR. DEMPSEY: I am not asking legal conclusions. I am asking him what his understanding is of what Gannett's responsibilities at TNI.

MR. LANG: You can answer to the extent you have an understanding.

THE WITNESS: My understanding is we are responsible for what goes into the Citizen.

BY MR. DEMPSEY:

- Q. And you currently share the profits 50/50 at TNI?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And you will still continue to share the profits 50/50 at TNI even after the Citizen is sold or closed?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. What is your understanding as to why Lee would agree to share the profits 50/50 even

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after the Citizen goes away?

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A. Because that's what the JOA agreement says.

- Q. Doesn't the JOA agreement also require that the Citizen newspaper be put out?
- A. Yes, but that's why we contemplated amending that and that's why the letter you referred to amends that agreement to say that we don't have to put that paper out.
- Q. But even with not having to put that paper out you still share the profits 50/50 at TNI which includes the Star?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. What does Lee get in exchange for continuing to give you half the profits even though you don't have to put out the Citizen newspaper?
- A. They no longer have to subsidize 50 percent of the losses of the failing newspaper.
- Q. And by "the failing newspaper" you mean the Citizen?
 - A. Correct.

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Q. Now, let's go back to the analysis you did when you said you formed up a team to assess whether or not the Citizen was a failing newspaper.

How did you go about determining that? What was your methodology for assessing whether or not the Citizen is failing, if that's your mission? If you thought your mission was different then tell me that, please.

- A. Our mission was to determine what the contribution of the Citizen was to the partnership.
- Q. So how did you go about assessing that?
- A. We took the financial statements of TNI and we busted it -- we broke it apart into its component pieces. We looked at the contribution made by TNI. We looked at the contribution made by the Citizen. We looked at the contribution made by the Star.
 - Q. Is that something you had to create

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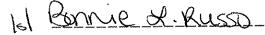
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Page	Line	Correction
15	19	Change "Freed" to "Fried".
19	4-5	Change "Curry" to "Currie".
21	17-22	Clarify that "Carl Schmidt is the CFO of Lee Enterprises".
25	17	Change "sufficiently" to "efficiently".
51	7	Change "economics" to "economies".
51	7	Change "sale" to "scale".
63	2	Change "P & I" to "TNI".
137	8	Change "Joel" to "Kent".
171	20	Change "U.S. Weekly" to "USA Weekend".
209	20	Change "Bolt" to "Bulletin".
209	22	Change "Herson" to "Hearst".

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I have read the foregoing transcript and, with the above proposed errata, I find it to be a complete and accurate transcription of my testimenty in the above captioned matter.

Date: 4/3/09